

a heat radiating element projecting from the surface of said metal substrate to the side
where said insulating layer is disposed,

wherein current does not flow through said heat radiating element to said heating elements.

Please add new Claims 26-29 as shown below:

26. (New) The thermal head according to Claim 1, wherein one of said heating elements in one line and one of said heating elements in a directly adjacent line of the one line are separated from each other.

27. (New) The thermal head according to Claim 1, wherein an electrode for supplying a current to each heating element to generate heat is insulated from said metal substrate.

28. (New) A thermal head comprising:

a metal substrate;

an insulating layer formed on the surface of said metal substrate;

a plurality of heating elements disposed on the surface of said insulating layer, said heating elements being arranged with a predetermined pitch along a plurality of lines in a main scanning direction, said plurality of lines being spaced from each other in a paper feeding direction perpendicular to the main scanning direction; and

a heat radiating element projecting from the surface of said metal substrate to the side where said insulating layer is disposed,

wherein said heat radiating element is disposed at least in a part of a region between said metal substrate and a gap between one line of said heating elements and an adjacent line of said heating elements, and

wherein a part, in contact with one line of said heating elements, of said insulating layer and a part, in contact with a directly adjacent line of said heating elements, of said